shortly. The Manual would provide detailed guidelines for implementing projects more efficiently.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

1064. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering to regularise these unauthorised colonies;

(c) if so, whether any proposal in this regard has been received from the Delhi Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in announcing regularisation of these unauthorised colonies and by when such a decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) Proposals have been received from the Government of NCT of Delhi for regularisation of all unauthorised colonies as existed on 31.3.1993. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP. No. 4771/93 has restrained the respondents, including the Union of India, from taking any decision or action to regularise any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. The matter is still subjudice.

Mass Rapid Transport System in Delhi

1065. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what decision has since been taken by Government to introduce the contemplated Mass Rapid Transport System in Delhi which while helping reduce traffic congestion in Delhi, may also be eco-friendly and help reduce air pollution in Delhi roads; and

(b) what provision has been made for the purpose for 1997-98 and the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The investment approval to the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) Project was accorded by the Government on 17th September, 1996. It covers a total route length of 55.5 Kms. and the estimated cost at April, 96 prices, is Rs. 4860 crores. The project is slated to be completed by the year 2005.

(b) During 1997-98, provision of Rs. 150 crores has been made for Delhi MRTS Project. For the remaining period of IXth Five Year Plan, provision is yet to be finalised.

Promotional prospects for AEs in CPWD

1066. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in C.P.W.D. there is no scope for promotion of Assistant Engineers, having qualification of Masters Degree in Engineering or Equivalent, to the post of Executive Engineer;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take for the promotion of Assistant Engineers (M.Tech.) to the post of Executive Engineer;

(c) if not, the details of promotional avenue of Assistant Engineers possessing Masters degree in Engineering; and

(d) what is the scope of promotion for Assistant Engineers having Diploma and Degree in Engineering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) There is no provision in the Recruitment Rules for giving any weightage in promotion from the grade of Asstt. Engineer to the Executive engineer to those possessing master's degree in Engineering or equivalent except getting promoted alongwith others in the respective category.

(d) Under the revised Recruitment Rules notified on 29.10.96, the post of Executive Engineer is to be filled up 1/3rd by promotion of Assistant Engineers (Degree Holders) with 8-year's service and 1/3rd by promotion of Assistant Engineers (Diploma Holders) with 10 years service in the grade.

Conversion of land use in Delhi

1067. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of land use is permissible in Delhi;

(b) if so, the norms therefor;

(c) the number of such cases received in Delhi during the last three years;

(d) the number of cases wherein permission had been granted and the conversion charges collected for the purpose; and

(e) the details of cases rejected during the same period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning is a continuous process. The modifications to the land-use plan as per the changing needs of the society for requisite facilitiesis undertaken through the change of land-use/amendment as per the laid down procedures under the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

(c) 43 cases of change of land-use were received by the DDA during the last three years.

(d) Final notification for change of land-use has been issued by the Govt. in 30 cases. No conversion charges have been collected by DDA for above referred cases involving change of land-use.

(e) Nil.

Low Cost Sanitation project

1068. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the achievement, till now of the Low Cost Sanitation project for liberation of scavengers;

(b) how many scavengers have been liberated till now;

(c) whether the project is popular, particularly in the urban slums; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make this project more efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Under the Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for liberation of scavengers, so far 761 schemes covering 1156 towns for a total project cost of Rs. 1062.64 crores have been sanctioned. It involves HUDCO's loan commitment of Rs. 477.32 crores and Government of India's subsidy assistance of Rs. 363.31 crores. Out of this, loan of Rs. 144.44 crores and Government of India's subsidy of Rs. 156.05 crores has been released for implementation of the programme to various States, through HUDCO. The sanctioned scheme envisage conversion of 1925953 units, construction of 1451641